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Today's Topics:

Autopatch: Foreign Language ? (2 msgs)  
Intellect of readers & Sarcasm  
Question Pool Changes this summer?

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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official  
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.  
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Date: 28 Feb 93 20:28:55 GMT  
From: anomaly.sbs.com!n1mpq!system@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: Autopatch: Foreign Language ?  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Azmi Hashim <AXH113@psuvm.psu.edu> writes:

> Is it legal to use foreign language on the air while using autopatch.  
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> I am not quite sure, and dont have the time to look it up in the library.  
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> Thanks,  
>            Azmi N3ODN

Nope, no problem with the foreign language, as long as you ALWAYS  
identify your call in English.

Tony

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-- Tony Pelliccio, N1MPQ/AA           // Why do some hams run 20mW      //
-- god @ garlic.sbs.com              // into a stub-ducky in a car    //
-----// and wonder why they can't  //
-- Flame Retardent Sysadmin         // hit a repeater?              //
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-- A man who feels sees life as a tragedy, a man who thinks sees --
-- life as a comedy. (As found in a fortune cookie)              --
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Date: Tue, 2 Mar 1993 01:27:03 GMT  
 From: sdd.hp.com!hpscit.sc.hp.com!hplextra!hpl-opus!hpnmdla!alanb@network.UCSD.EDU  
 Subject: Autopatch: Foreign Language ?  
 To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.policy, Azmi Hashim <AXH113@psuvm.psu.edu> writes:

>Is it legal to use foreign language on the air while using autopatch.

>I am not quite sure, and dont have the time to look it up in the library.

Yes it is perfectly legal, as long as you ID in English. One possible problem is you may make the repeater control operator nervous if he can't understand what is going on. It would be a good idea to announce before you start something to the effect of "This is N1AL using the autopatch in Shahili with a non-English speaking person." And maybe a brief idea of what you will be discussing, especially if it will include words like "pizza" or "dollars" :=)

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Date: Tue, 2 Mar 1993 11:25:58 GMT
From: sdd.hp.com!apollo.hp.com!hpwin052!hpmoea!dstock@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Intellect of readers & Sarcasm
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

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Mike,

Is that a proposal that postings on this net should not contain irony, sarcasm, literary references and quotations etc. ? ( Oh b\*gg\*r, I just used a latin abbreviation !)

While I think that posters need to be aware that there is a

proportion of people who will fail to understand them, unless they use the most basic English vocabulary and style. This would make things rather boring for those with moderate proficiency in the language. Further, it would reduce the educational effect on those who are not so proficient. If they do not come across irony, they can never learn to recognise, understand or use it. Do they have comparable techniques in their native languages ? if so conversion could be relatively easy.

Or are you making the point that such misunderstandings should be treated tolerantly ? If so I could not agree more, although it would help if people responding to anything took care not to blaze away immediately, in case they misunderstood the posting. There have been some superb parodies posted over the years, I would hate to lose them.

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The bogus mods string was funny, someone recognised that the average amateur is now so non-technical that he or she cannot recognise a hardware mod to the power control system of their PA stage. Given that the mod looks reversible, just by reversing the series of operations, it must qualify as a reasonable practical joke (I've fallen for worse..) Had it damaged the radio, that would be a different matter. The radio concerned was one that was specifically promoted as optimised for amateur bands only, so a wideband coverage mod is an obvious rogue, the work of a prankster with a sense of humour not malice.

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Date: 1 Mar 93 19:39:04 GMT  
From: arizona.edu!zippy.telcom.arizona.edu!navvax.ucc.nau.edu!cvm@arizona.edu  
Subject: Question Pool Changes this summer?  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <1166@arrl.org> lhurder@arrl.org (Luck Hurder KY1T) writes:

>In rec.radio.amateur.policy, cvm@navvax.ucc.nau.edu writes:  
>>I have heard that the question pool is going to change this summer. Is this  
>>>true?  
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>Yes. And the new Novice and Technician question pools are available  
>via the ARRL BBS at 203 666 0578, Compuserve, America On Line, Genie,  
>and other places as well. File names are typically NOVICE.NEW and  
>TECH.NEW

This of course leads to the same question that always gets asked in such a situation: Are these files available via anonymous ftp from somewhere?

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